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## FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

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#### PATENT APPLICATION

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In re application of

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Appln. No.: 10/090,168

Confirmation No.: 5466 Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

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For: IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD, RECORDING MEDIUM, AND IMAGE

PROCESSING APPARATUS

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Sir:

In response to the "Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application filed under 37 CFR 1.53(b) - Filing Date Granted," mailed April 8, 2002, for the above application, Applicant respectfully submits herewith the Declaration for the above identified application properly executed by the inventors. Also enclosed please find executed Assignment and PTO Form 1595, and Submission of Formal Drawings and seven (7) sheets of drawings.

Checks for the statutory fee of \$130.00 and \$40.00 are attached. Please also charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this paper is attached.

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